
COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT/JOINT STATE ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 12, 2011

<i>2011 Non-Indian Mainstem Commercial Early Fall Fishery</i>		
Season 1	9 PM Sunday September 18 to 6 AM Monday September 19	(9 hours)
Area:	Zones 1-5	
Season 2	8 PM Monday September 19 to 6 AM Tuesday September 20	(10 hours)
	8 PM Tuesday September 20 to 6 AM Wednesday September 21	(10 hours)
	8 PM Thursday September 22 to 6 AM Friday September 23	(10 hours)
Area:	Zones 4-5. The deadline at the lower end of Zone 4 is defined as a straight line projected from the Warrior Rock Lighthouse on the Oregon shore easterly through the green navigation buoy #1 and continuing to the Washington shore. Only Washougal and Sandy sanctuaries apply.	
Applies to all seasons:		
Sanctuaries:	Grays River, Elokomín-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Washougal, and Sandy Rivers as applicable.	
Gear:	Drift gillnets only. 8" minimum mesh size restriction. Multiple net rule in effect, which means nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater. Nets fished any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the end of the net opposite the boat is required.	
Allowable Sales:	Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of 7 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) in the remaining openers. The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem fisheries only. Sales of white sturgeon from fall Select Area fisheries is prohibited.	
Additional Rules:	24-hour Quick Reporting Rule will be in effect for Washington buyers.	

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 1:00 PM Thursday September 15, 2011 via teleconference to consider treaty Indian fisheries.
- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 10:00 AM Thursday September 22, 2011 via teleconference to consider treaty Indian and non-Indian commercial fisheries.